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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 November 2007.
 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,10-14,18-20 and 23-26 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) 1,10-14,18 and 19 is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 20 and 23-26 is/are rejected.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 20, 23, 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Saunders et al., (3,310,957). Saunders et al., disclose dehumidifying air conditioning apparatus comprising a body/casing 11 defining an elongated space 62 the elongated space 62 being inclined to the horizontal (see the Fig. The space is inclined towards right side so that condensate can easily move towards drain pan 76) when the apparatus in use; a first cooling means to the chamber 62, the first cooling means including cold air tubes 46 within the chamber 62; a plurality of condenser members/cooling fins (not shown but inherent) upon which moisture can condense within the enclosed space 62; a second cooling means (refrigerant) to cool the condenser members; an air inlet and air outlet (door opening) communicating the chamber with the atmosphere; and collection means 76 at one end of the chamber 62 for collecting condensed the moisture. See Fig. , column 2, line 1 to column 3, line 33.

Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saunders et al., in view of Okuda et al., (5,514,248). Saunders et al., disclose the invention substantially as claimed as stated above except condenser members are

coated with hydrophilic material. Okuda et al., teach the use of hydrophilic material with condenser members/evaporator fins for the purpose of to be free from bad smell and condensed water is readily transferred from the fin/ condenser member. See column 3, lines 47-60. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the dehumidifying and air conditioning apparatus of Saunders et al., in view of Okuda et al., such that evaporators fins could be provided with hydrophilic coating in order to be free from bad smell and to readily transfer condensed water from the fin.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 10-14, 18-19 are allowed.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammad M. Ali whose telephone number is 571-272-4806. The examiner can normally be reached on maxiflex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl J. Tyler can be reached on 571-272-4808. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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